

# American Clean Energy and Security Act Passes House

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Greetings!

There may be no issue more critical to our nation's future than energy independence. Our national security is irrevocably linked to it. Our economic stability depends on it. The future of our planet — the legacy of health and prosperity we all want to leave for our children — cannot be assured without it.

I'm very proud to have helped write and vote for the American Clean Energy and Security Act, which passed the House today by a vote of 219-212. The bill guarantees an investment of \$190 billion in new, clean energy technologies and energy efficiency — creating jobs, spurring on new industries and fulfilling the desire of all Americans that each of us in our own way can make a better world, a cleaner environment and a safer nation.

In our home district of Silicon Valley, dozens of burgeoning companies at the cutting edge of clean energy technology are poised for an explosion in innovation and healthy, sustainable economic growth.

The American Clean Energy and Security Act will create new jobs and establish an economic revival that will bring new growth and expand the U.S. economy. It will save consumers hundreds of billions of dollars in energy costs, and cut global warming pollution 80% by 2050.

I'm providing you with two documents that explain how the bill will create jobs, promote energy efficiency, and save money for consumers.

[Major Provisions of the American Clean Energy and Security Act \(PDF\) >>](#)

[Important Statistics and Numbers on a Clean Energy Economy \(PDF\) >>](#)

During the Energy and Commerce Committee Markup of the bill, I was also able to include several amendments. These provisions will help drive the adoption of energy efficient information and communications technologies in the federal government, incentivize renewable energy projects such as solar projects, and create a National Clean Technology Business Competition to help accelerate the growth of clean technology companies in America.

I'm particularly proud that my own bill, H.R. 1742, providing financial assistance to state and local governments for the deployment of regional infrastructure to support the widespread use of electric vehicles, has been included in the sweeping and visionary agenda that is the American Clean Energy and Security Act.

The nation is hungry for clean energy and for a reversal of the damage caused by climate change. This bill of historic proportions will shape new and innovative ways to reinvent the American economy to restore and create jobs, and to leave the next generation an environmentally healthy and sustainable world.

We are a hardworking people who face the future with optimism and hope. The American Clean Energy and Security Act embodies such qualities &ndash; a vehicle for our willingness to work hard, to innovate, to imagine a better future and then to dare to reach out and grasp it.

To see video of my floor speech on the bill, [click here](#). As always, I rely on and value your thoughts and ideas on issues you care about, so please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

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## Member of Congress